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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Paul Raymond HIGGINBOTTOM

Appln. No.: 09/441,294

Filed: November 16, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR MARK DETECTION

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Examiner: H. Akhavannik

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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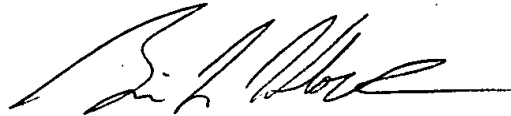
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2002, which sets forth a restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects for prosecution on the merits Group I, Claims 1-13.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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